Compressions

4335. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of compressions installed so far by OIL and ONGC with the installed capacity of each compression; and

(b) the number of compressions proposed to be installed with their locations in the next three years and the estimated gas expected to be collected by installation of these compressions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b). ONGC and OIL have so far installed 251 compressors. 32 more compressors are proposed to be installed in the next three years with the capacity to compress around 17 MMSCMD of gas.

[Translation]

Kerala Electronics Development Corporation

4336. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are planning to provide assistance to Kerala Electronics Development Corporation, to enable it to compete with multinational companies in the Indian Market; and

(b) the measures being taken to protect such industries, facing serious problems due to change in Government policies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir, No such proposal for consideration of the Department of Electronics has been received from Kerala Electronics Development Corporation.

(b) It is the responsibility of an individual industrial unit to remain competitive and profitable. However, the measures taken by the Government are given in the statement attached.

STATEMENT

(i) Policy initiatives lime exemption from locational limitations, abolition of licensing except for four specific items abolition of phased manufacturing programme and amendment to the MRTP Act to facilitate investments.

(ii) Liberalisation of Export-Import Policy by allowing free access to imported capital goods, value based advanced licensing scheme etc.

(iii) Rationalisation of fiscal policy especially in the areas of duty structure, corporate taxation etc.

(iv) Introduction of the software Technology Park Scheme which seeks to provide infrastructural facilities for small software houses keen to enter the export market. The scheme also gives the flexibility to set up private STPs which can be done by bigger companies taking advantage of the duty free facilities offered for import of CG etc.

(v) Introduction of Electronics Hardware Technology Park Scheme (EHTP) disigned to meet the specific requirements of a globally oriented electronics sector. This would provide a flexible policy environment that would greatly facilitate doing business and making preferential access to the vast Indian domestic market as an incentive for export production in the country.

(vi) Encouraging foreign collaboration for investment and technology. This includes automatic approval for foreign direct investment upto 51% foreign equity in high priority industries and automatic permission for foreign technology agreements in such industries with certain ceiling on payments.

(vii) Implementation of a quality infrastructure programme called the Standardization. Testing & Quality Certification (STQC) Programme to promote the quality of Indian electronic goods.

(viii) Participation in and sponsoring of seminars, exhibitions, business delegation etc. abroad and in India.

(ix) Establishment of a Software Services Support and Education Centre to improve the quality of Indian Software.

Drinking Water Problem.

4337. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attenttion of the Government has been drawn towards the troubles of common people of Trans-Yamuna colonies including Kundan Nagar (which is a Harijan colony) due to shortage of drinking water;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the steps proposed to be taken to solve the drinking water problem;

(c) whether the people have taken illegal water connections as a result of which the actual consumer has to face the scarcity of water;

(d) whether the Government propose to conduct an enquiry into it; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?